

March 2, 1978

LB 761, 732

PRESIDENT: That is the motion. Record your vote. We are under Call. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right. LB 761 is advanced. LB 732.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 732 was a bill introduced by Senator Shirley Marsh of the 29th District. Title read. The bill was read on January 9, 1978. It was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are no amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as you probably are aware, Nebraska has the responsibility for certain persons who are wards of the state through no fault of their own. This is a court decision. The state is in lieu of parents when parental rights have been voluntarily given up or taken away by a court for various and sundry reasons. This bill is introduced so that some of these young people may more nearly be in a position to support themselves when they are no longer wards of the state. A number of them have been physically handicapped, have been late starting their formal education and are not even through high school when they are age nineteen. This would allow those young people to complete their high school education or in some instances allow this young person to attend a technical community college or other educational facility so that he or she may be better able to support himself or herself in the years to come. This does not cover very many persons. It is estimated by the Department of Welfare that there will be approximately twenty-five people who come under this category this year. Previously, as in some other categories of state support, we allow educational help through a different age limit. Originally, as you are all aware, our legal age of majority was twenty-five, excuse me, was twenty-one. As this has been reduced, the needs are still there for the young people to have this opportunity. There is a fiscal impact note with this and it would need to be held on Final Reading but I urge you to advance LB 732. This will be administered through the Department of Welfare. They currently have the responsibility for supervising wards of the state. Thank you very much for your support.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of the bill. Record your vote. We are under Call, Senators. Please vote. We are under Call.

SENATOR MARSH: I think, Mr. President, I think we are the alert group because we are under Call and we are physically here. There are a few of our colleagues who may be missing who are around in various and sundry places who we hope will return shortly to vote for this bill.

PRESIDENT: If we can't muster 25 votes under Call, we have problems. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

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